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## J. ERIK JONSSON ETHICS AWARD



Bob Buford, a legendary businessman and exemplary public citizen, received the 2009-2010 J. Erik Jonsson Ethics Award on February 12, 2010. Over 100 civic and corporate leaders were in attendance as Tom Luce presented the award to Mrs. Linda Buford, who accepted it on his behalf.

Bob Buford lives a life of sacrifice and service for the public good and for this, the Center is pleased to bestow the J. Erik Jonsson Ethics Award. (See page 3 for details.)

## DARWIN OBSERVANCE

2009 was both the year of Charles Darwin's 200th birthday and the 150th anniversary of the publication of his *On the Origin of Species*. As part of a university-wide effort, the Maguire

## THE DOWNTURN AND THE PROFESSIONS: STORIES OF SUCCESSFUL SERVICE

The 2009-2010 Annual Conference of the Professions was held November 4, 2009, in Prothro Hall's Great Room in the SMU Perkins School of Theology. It was the 24th in a series of unique conclaves at which representatives of law, medicine, and the clergy come together to address common ethical issues facing the professions and to discuss solutions. This year's topic was "The



Downturn and the Professions: Stories of Successful Service."

The keynote speakers were Rev. Cecil Williams, author, activist, and Pastor Emeritus at San Francisco's Glide Memorial United Methodist Church, and Dr. Janice Mirikitani, Founding President of the Glide Foundation. The historical Glide Church and its foundation have a history of extensive and cooperative social ministry and were featured in the film *The Pursuit of Happyness*, which starred Will Smith as Chris Gardner, a homeless salesman turned stockbroker who turned to Glide for support.

A panel of professionals responding to the keynote remarks was moderated Michael Darrouzet, Executive Vice President and CEO of the Dallas County Medical Society. The panelists were Michael Fleischer, Executive Director of the Jewish Family Service; John Greenan, Executive Director with the Central Dallas Community Development Corporation; and Dr. James Walton, Vice President and Chief Health Equity Officer with Baylor Health Care System and Medical Director at Project Access Dallas.

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

For my fifth and final letter as Director of the Maguire Center, I am stuck between a rock and a hard place. Most such communiqués either describe the achievements of the past year or paint a picture of the year to come. After fifteen years of operation and with the imminent arrival of a distinguished new Director, Professor Rita Kirk of the Meadows School, both of these tasks are more properly hers than mine. Although our fundamental goal – bringing ethics in a meaningful way to at least 75 percent of our graduates – undoubtedly remains the same, figuring out how to move toward that goal in the most effective and efficient manner now becomes the work of

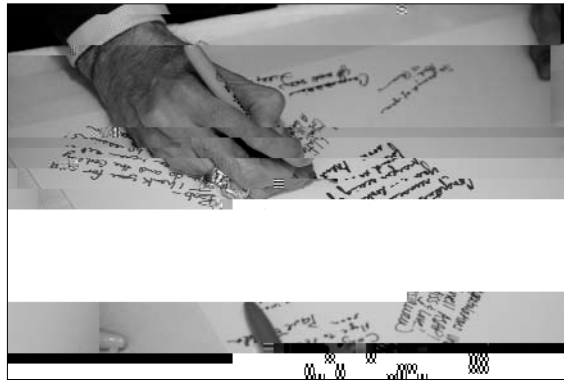
## Photographs



(L to R) Rena Pederson, Linda B. Ford, Tom Luce, and Gerald T. Merner at the 2009-2010 J. Erik Jonsson Ethics Award Luncheon on February 10, 2010.



Tom Luce at the podium in front of Rena Pederson, seated, at the 2009-2010 J. Erik Jonsson Ethics Award Luncheon on February 10, 2010. A large photo of honoree Bob B. Ford sits beside the podium in his absence due to illness.



Well-wishers sign a giant get-well card for Bob B. Ford, who was unable to attend the Luncheon in honor of his winning the 2009-2010 J. Erik Jonsson Ethics Award.



Panelists at the 2009-2010 Annual Conference of the Professions. (L to R) Cecil Williams, Janice Mirikitani, Michael Fleischer, John Greenan, and James Walton.

## PUBLIC SCHOLAR JENIA TURNER

In her Maguire Public Scholar Lecture held November 5, 2009, in the Hughes-Trigg Ballroom, Professor Jenia Turner gave a lecture entitled, "Ethical Dilemmas Facing Defense Attorneys in War-Crime Trials." In this lecture, she discussed whether criminal defense attorneys should be permitted to engage in conduct that is on the extreme margins of zealous advocacy such as making meritless claims or contentions and in introducing evidence (specifically the defendant's testimony) that they reasonably believe is false."



Jenia Turner is an Associate Professor of Law at SMU Dedman School of Law, where she teaches criminal procedure, international criminal law, comparative criminal procedure, and international organizations. She graduated from Yale Law School and is the author of *P a B a a A c B d : C a P c d*. Prior to joining SMU, she taught legal research and writing and comparative criminal procedure at the University of Chicago Law School.

## PUBLIC SCHOLAR WAYNE SHAW

Professor Wayne Shaw was the Maguire Center's Spring 2010 Public Scholar. He presented his address, "Ethics and Business: An Inherent Conflict?" in the Karcher Auditorium at SMU Dedman School of Law on March 2, 2010. In his lecture, Professor Shaw discussed the conflicts of interest between corporate directors and managers and the shareholders whose interests they are bound to represent.

Wayne Shaw, Ph.D., Helmut Sohmen Distinguished

## CO-SPONSORED EVENTS (CONTINUED)

On September 17, 2010, Thomas Beauchamp, Ph.D., of Georgetown University and primary author of "The Belmont Report" gave a lecture entitled "From the Nuremberg Code to the Belmont Report and the Final Rule: The Protection of Human Research Subjects in the 21st Century." The lecture was followed by a panel discussion featuring panelists Suzanne Rivera, UT Southwestern Medical School; Steve Inrig, UT Southwestern Medical School; and Shelley Carlin, local attorney. The next morning, Dr. Beauchamp gave a talk at the breakfast meeting of the Institutional Review Board at UTSW. Dr. Beauchamp was invited to Dallas as part of the Human Rights Education Program's year-long series recognizing the anniversary of the Holocaust.

## MAGUIRE & IRBY FAMILY PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNS

The Summer 2010 interns (and their projects) were:

**C**, an anthropology grad student at Dedman College, worked with the Green Leaf Program at Refugee Services of Texas, Inc. in Austin. She developed and implemented a culturally competent system for evaluating services, and also developed curriculum for marriage-education classes.

**A**, a grad student in the Lyle School of Engineering, worked with Living Water International in Houston to design a waste-water treatment system for an orphanage in Luanda, Angola.

**K**, a senior majoring in Markets and Culture in Dedman College, worked with Fundacion A. Jean Brugger in San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, teaching art appreciation for children in an after-school program. She also tutored students in the English language and taught workshops to help local residents enhance their computer skills.

**A**, a Ph.D. student in cultural anthropology in Dedman College, compared student retention rates and outcomes at two Vickery Meadows Learning Center campuses to understand factors that will improve learner persistence and thus improve the curriculum and programming in West Dallas.

**A**, a senior majoring in Markets and Culture in Dedman College, went to northern Uganda to work under the umbrella organization of Elephant Sisters to aid in building low-cost homes, to counsel former child soldiers in conflict resolution and mediation, and to expose children to the English language through reading, song, and conversation.

**I**, a senior psychology and business major, worked at Legal Hospice of Texas in Dallas, reviewing and editing client orientation materials, performing client registrations, and assisting with research and preparation of legal documents.

**A**, a biology Ph.D. student in Dedman College, worked at International Students Inc., researching and analyzing the needs of international students studying at Dallas universities and matching needs with potential resource-delivery systems.

## NEW MAGUIRE TEACHING FELLOWS

Two professors were chosen as Maguire Teaching Fellows for 2010-2011. Dr. Soraya Gollop, Assistant Professor of Philosophy in Dedman College, will develop a

## DESIGN TEAM

The Design Team is a student-run organization that encourages students to think about the ethical implications of their actions before making a decision. They choose topics they believe are relevant to the SMU community and then design a presentation that is customized to meet the needs of the particular class or group to whom they are presenting. This year, the Design Team gave two presentations to the campus community.

This year's Ethics Design Team partnered with the Wellness Department and offered a campus-wide program entitled, "Got Morals? The Well U at SMU: An Ethical Foundation for Wellness." The team reflected on the basic question, "What is moral wellness, and how is it quantified?" Their findings suggest that as with physical, mental, and emotional wellness, it is important to know where one stands with moral wellness in order to live more virtuous lives. Toward that end, they developed a survey on moral wellness that over 120 Wellness students completed. The responses to the survey provided a sampling of perspectives from within the SMU community on the meaning of moral health and wellbeing, and served as a basis for the discussion led by the Design Team with other students. During the hour-long program, they discussed thought-provoking dilemmas in small group contexts to pique doubt, reflection, and interest. This enabled each student to arrive at his or her individual conclusion, further defining and strengthening the unique system of morality so crucial to the development of college students into adults of formidable character. Ultimately, they were guided in their work on this subject by the goal of realizing their full potential as morally grounded persons.



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